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# H. J. RES. 135

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26 (legislative day, APRIL 19), 1993

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

To designate the months of May 1993 and May 1994 as  
“National Trauma Awareness Month”.

Whereas more than 9,000,000 individuals in the United States suffer traumatic injury each year;

Whereas traumatic injury is the leading cause of death for individuals under 44 years of age in the United States;

Whereas every individual is a potential victim of traumatic injury;

Whereas traumatic injury often occurs without warning;

Whereas traumatic injury frequently renders its victims incapable of caring for themselves;

Whereas past inattention to the causes and effects of trauma has led to the inclusion of trauma among the most neglected medical conditions in the United States;

Whereas it is estimated that the people of the United States will spend more than \$175,000,000,000 this year on the problem of trauma;

Whereas trauma is preventable and increased efforts to prevent trauma would reduce or eliminate deaths and disability due to trauma;

Whereas the problem of trauma can be remedied only by prevention and treatment through emergency medical services and trauma systems; and

Whereas the people of the United States must be educated in the prevention and treatment of trauma and in the proper and effective use of emergency medical systems:  
Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That May 1993 and May 1994 are each designated as  
4       “National Trauma Awareness Month” and the President  
5       is authorized and directed to issue a proclamation calling

- 1 upon the people of the United States to observe these
- 2 months with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Passed the House of Representatives May 25, 1993.

Attest:

*Clerk.*